

Washington, DC - On Friday, June 12th, the nation will complete its transition to digital television. The transition will only affect older antenna TVs that are not hooked up to cable, satellite or other pay television service. With only days to go before the transition, Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) encouraged constituents to prepare for the switch-over.

“You still have time to apply for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program,” said Gonzalez. “The June 12th national transition to digital television is fast approaching and I urge all residents of San Antonio to act now and assist your friends, neighbors and family members in getting ready.”

The TV Converter Box Coupon Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, offers up to two coupons per household worth \$40 each toward the purchase of eligible converter boxes. Coupons are valid 90 days from the time they are mailed and converter boxes can be found at most major retail stores. Legislation recently passed by Congress allows consumers whose coupons have expired to request replacement coupons. Consumers may apply for a coupon or a replacement coupon online at www.dtv2009.gov or by calling 1-888-DTV2009 (1-888-388-2009).

“I am committed to helping you understand the upcoming DTV Transition, how it may affect your TV service, and what options are available. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program still has coupons available, but you must apply now. Constituents can visit my website or call my office for assistance,” added Gonzalez. “The DTV transition will benefit our community by freeing up airwaves for use by community first responders so they can better communicate in times of emergency.”

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